

GENERAL KEARNY.

Notice from Cortlandt Parker, Esq., of Newark, N. J.

The Spirit of the Times of the date of November 1, 1862,

contains the following editorial statement:

Mons or General Kearny's letter.—We have been informed that some copies of this letter have been allowed to pass through their hands. United States District Attorney for New Jersey, and Mr. Conklin Parker, of Newark, have in their possession the copy of General Kearny's letter which was sent to the Newark Daily Journal, and which criticizes the blunders of the pestilential campaign of General McClellan with a severity which is equal to that which it has been published by Mr. Greeley. As far as we know, no other newspaper has received or copied these letters; it is presumed they were sent in due time to the public.

It had determined, up to the moment of seeing this article, to return the letter to the author, and to let him know which which had been copied by the publication by General Kearny's letter to him.

But the notice came in to change my determination; for my views would seem to imply that I approved of a course, and that I was in agreement with General Kearny.

It is true, I (not my partner, Mr. Conklin) have in my possession a large number of letters from General Kearny. It is true, also, that I have been for many years his legal counsel. It is true that during General Kearny's service he has written to me in aid of his military movements, and that to some military friends, whom I believe I could trust as men of honor, I "made no secret" of parts of some of them. But I can leave to say that it is to be presumed that I will at any time "give them to the public." Nobody who knows me will ever presume.

Newspaper publicity was a thing from which no man shrink so sensitively as General Kearny. He could not even, under any circumstances, afford to be seen in public with his body covered with his name. I extracted one of these letters, and suffered to be published, some views on his behalf, which very accidentally upon the employment of negroes in our army. The immediate result was a storm of abuse from all quarters, and in his language, "that I was quite startled, quiet chid another as I am, to find that I, Kearny, had been writing a letter." I rely on your judgment, and I know your kindly, undoubtful partiality. But I leave it to you to see how it stands.

At about noon from the river met a wagon containing two men who had been captured by the rebels, and were to escape into the woods, two of whom were recaptured. They acknowledged that they were bound for Richmond, and were returning from an unsuccessful attempt to cross the river. The two were unarmed, but one, and two of the party belonged to the rebel forces.

General Kearny, the Eleventh Infantry, was quietly gathered strength by conviction, and free of incidental prejudices at not emanating from the soldier nor the soldiery.

Still, I know that you are the best judge, and my only thought in this war is success of our Union.

At about noon from the property of naming him as the author of abstract military opinions, with what horror and indignation would he not have regarded the publication of letters containing his opinions respecting individual officers, imparted to him with the confidence of a man uttering an incendiary subversive?

Shortly before receiving the letter, from which I make the extract, I had published an article in a local journal, calling for General Kearny's promotion, to which I insisted that he be made a Major General in the regular army.

General Kearny's letter to me, and the public, was most clearly what violence has been done to every instinct of General Kearny's character by publishing his testimony respecting brother officers, and especially by publishing it publicly.

I have still more pointed testimony as to General Kearny's sentiments on this matter. Knowing his peculiar temperament and his proclivities, and having been encouraged by him to do my duty, I took the liberty of addressing him as follows: "I am again sending you these letters, one informal one to you; and another to Mr. Hale, and I subsequently requested him to forward to you. I asked him, as representative of a friend and friend a brother, to forward a friend and friend, and immediately had him, to my knowledge, sign a copy of my appointment, to make it perfectly clear and satisfactory to him."

The letter from which these extracts are taken bears date August 16, 1862. It may have been written at that time, but it is published in your paper; and shows most clearly what violence has been done to every instinct of General Kearny's character by publishing his testimony respecting brother officers, and especially by publishing it publicly.

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